

REMARKS

In an Office Action dated March 29, 2006, the Examiner identified eight species (“Species I-VIII”). In response, Applicant elects the species identified as “Species I”, with strong traverse.

All the claims read on the elected species which, as stated in the specification depict a cannula made of materials of differing hardness.

Claim 1 has been amended only to correct a typographical error.

It is believed that no additional fees are due in connection with this communication. However, the Office is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 04-1420.

The application is in allowable form. Reconsideration of the restriction requirement, and substantive examination and allowance are requested. If it will help advance prosecution, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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